

PROVOST SCHOLARS PROGRAM

University Intensive Seminar – Session 16 Building Bridges Across Differences

Date: February 28, 2019 | 2:30 - 5:00PM | Guilford House

Purpose

This presentation will explore the current polarization in our society that dehumanizes others and separates people from different identity groups. We will examine how redlining, federal policies, and institutional racism combine to marginalize people of color and enhance wealth-building opportunities for white Americans—particularly in the Cleveland area. We will then discuss the power of building bridges across differences. Forming interpersonal relationships is a key to promote racial equity and social justice, which requires leadership from individuals and institutions.

Presenter Biography: Dr. Mark Chupp



Mark Chupp, MSW, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor at the Mandel School, Chair of the master's concentration in Community Practice for Social Change, and directs the Community Innovation Network, a cross-sector network of community building experts, nonprofit organizations, researchers, and grassroots community organizers who are leaders in organizing communities toward understanding and social change worldwide. In 2009, he founded the East Cleveland Partnership, a service learning and community based participatory research effort to support the revitalization of the community. He has lived in Central America and continues to serve as a resource in Latin America. He is a founding trustee of the National Peace Academy and serves as an adjunct faculty member of the Summer Peacebuilding Institute at Eastern Mennonite University. Mark also serves as an instructor for the Mandel Foundation's Neighborhood Leadership Development Program. He earned his MSW from the University of Michigan and his PhD from Case Western Reserve University.

Objectives

At the end of the presentation, the Provost Scholars will be able to:

- Identify at least 2 examples of the historical roots that divide people through fear & misinformation
- Identify 3 ways to build bridges across differences that promote coexistence and reduce disparities

Agenda

- 2:30 - 3:50 pm: Tutoring
- 3:50 - 4:00 pm: Break
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm: University Seminar and Notetaking
- 5:00 pm: Transport to homes

ACT Word of the Week

reconciliation (rek-uh n-sil-ee-ey-shuh n) *n.*: the act of reconciling; when former enemies agree to a truce.
ex.: *There are no situations so contentious that **reconciliation** is not an option.*

source: dictionary.com